# Parent News

## Supporting Successful Students

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## 2010-2011 Enrollment Process Has Started

We're already getting ready for next year! This month, enrollment packets with your child's current enrollment information will be mailed home. Please take a few minutes to complete and return the forms to your child's school as soon as possible.

Why enroll now? Early enrollment helps us plan for the upcoming year, ensuring that schools open smoothly, with all the resources they need.

If you need to make any corrections to your child's enrollment form, please correct it on the form and return it to the school. If you don't receive the packet, you can get blank forms from your child's school or online at *http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/enroll*.

If you have any questions please contact your child's school directly or the Office of School Operations at 202-442-5007.



Students from Oyster Adams
Photo by Bel Perez-Gabilondo

## DC CAS Testing is April 19-30

DC CAS measures student academic proficiency in English Language Arts, Math and Science. Students in grades 3 through 8, 10 and those taking science classes will take the tests.

To help prepare your child for the tests establish some routines (which can also be used year-round): set a regular time for your child to study and read; limit how much time they watch TV or play video games; have them go to bed at a reasonable time; ensure they have breakfast (remember all DCPS students can eat breakfast for free); arrive at school on time; and ask your child how the school day went.



Student from Brent
Photo by Brian Tropiano

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Students from Scott Montgomery
Photo by Michael DeAngelis

*D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation has opened registration for summer camps. Camps are available for children ages 3 through 19. Register your child today for camp either online at* summercamps.dc.gov *or in-person at the Columbia Heights Recreation Center at 480 Girard Street, NW.*



Students and teacher from Phelps
Photo by Meghan Gay

## Announcements:

**Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten seats still available!**
For placement assistance please call 202-478-5738.

**DCPS Launches the Parent Academy**
The Parent Academy provides parents and school staff access to high-quality courses and information to complement what students learn in schools, what parents need to know to support academic success, and strengthen relations between home and school.

For more information about Parent Academy Courses visit
*http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Parents*.

## Parent Tip: Keep your child safe on the internet

As soon as your child is using a computer, a cell phone or any mobile device, it is time to talk to them about online behavior, safety and security. As a parent, you have the opportunity to talk to your kids about what's important before anyone else does.

Remind your children that online actions can have consequences that can last a long time. Explain why they should only post information that they are comfortable with others seeing. Once they post information online, they can't take it back. As a parent, you can use privacy settings to restrict who can access and post on your child's profile.

The best way to protect your kids online is to talk to them. When children want important information, most rely on their parents. For more information on net safety, visit http://www.onguardonline.gov.
(*Information courtesy Net Cetera, a publication by the FTC.*)

## What We Believe: *Achievement is a function of effort, not innate ability*

As your children prepare for DC CAS testing, it is important to remember that DCPS believes that achievement is a function of effort, not innate ability. Thanks to the hard work of our teachers, students, staff and parents, DCPS made steady gains on the 2009 DC CAS in the elementary and secondary levels in both reading and math. For example, 49% of elementary students are proficient in reading, up from 38% in 2007 and 40% of secondary students are proficient in math, up from 27% in 2007. These improvements are a result of *your* children's hard work.

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